

12. A composition according to Claim 11, wherein the SCC polymer contains at least 5% by weight of second repeating units which contain at least one radical selected from oxygen-containing groups, nitrogen-containing groups, fluorine-containing groups, and silicon-containing groups.

13. A composition according to Claim 12, wherein the second repeating units are derived from one or more of an N,N-dialkylamino acrylate, an N,N dialkylamino methacrylate, N-vinyl pyrrolidinone, an hydroxyalkyl acrylate, an hydroxyalkyl methacrylate, an alkoxyalkyl acrylate and an alkoxyalkyl methacrylate.

14. A composition according to Claim 13, wherein the second repeating units are derived from one or more of hydroxyethyl acrylate, N-vinyl pyrrolidinone and dimethylaminoethyl acrylate

15. A composition according to Claim 11, wherein  $T_p$  is 40-50 °C.

16. A composition according to Claim 11, wherein the SCC polymer is substantially free of ionizable groups.

17. A composition according to Claim 11, wherein the SCC polymer is substantially free of functional groups.

#### REMARKS

Claim 1 has been restricted so that in alternative (i) of paragraph (d), the only possible oxygen-containing groups are hydroxyalkyl and alkoxyalkyl groups (basis for this amendment is on Page 7, lines 3-6 and 20-26). Claim 1 has also been amended to remove the reference to exemplary silicon-containing groups.

New claims 5-17 have been added. Claims 5-10 are dependent (directly or

indirectly) on Claim 1. Claim 11 is a new independent Claim, and claims 12-17 are dependent (directly or indirectly) on Claim 11. Basis for the new claims will be found as follows.

Claim	Basis
5	Claim 1, paragraph (ii); p. 6, lines 28-30
6 & 12	Claim 1, paragraph (i); p. 8, lines 18-21
7 & 13	p. 7, lines 9-26
8 & 15	p. 9, lines 4-5
9 & 16	Claim 1, paragraph (vi)
10 & 17	Claim 1, paragraph (v)
11	Claim 1; p. 9, lines 9-10; p. 8, lines 14-18; p. 6, lines 28-30
14	the Examples

#### CONCLUSION

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and such action at an early date is earnestly requested. If, however, there are any outstanding issues which could usefully be discussed by telephone, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned.

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